# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
## AMENDMENT MEMO

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| **2003 Assembly Bill 689** | **Assembly Amendments 1 and 2** |
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*Assembly Bill 689* states that before making a prescription order, a practitioner must ask the patient if the patient wants the symptom or purpose for the prescription to be disclosed on the label. If the patient indicates that he or she wants this, the practitioner must specify the symptom or purpose in the prescription order and this must be included on the label that is attached to the prescription drug container.

*Assembly Amendment 1* states that in addition to the information required to be disclosed on a prescription drug label, if a pharmacist dispenses a prescription with a drug product equivalent of the prescribed drug product, the pharmacist may include a statement on the label identifying the prescribed drug product and indicating that the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has designated the drug product equivalent as the therapeutic equivalent of the prescribed drug product, unless the prescribing practitioner requests omission of the statement.

*Assembly Amendment 2* deletes the requirement in the bill that a practitioner must ask the patient if the patient wants the symptom or purpose for the prescription to be disclosed on the label. Rather, the amendment states that if a patient indicates in writing to a practitioner who makes a prescription order that the patient wants the symptom or purpose to be disclosed on the label, the practitioner must specify the symptom or purpose in the prescription order and this must be included on the label.

### *Legislative History*

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Curt Gielow and Assembly Amendment 2 was introduced by Representative Steve Wieckert. On February 26, 2004, the Assembly Committee on Health recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, both by votes of Ayes 16, Noes 0; and recommended passage of the bill as amended by a vote of Ayes 15, Noes 1.

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